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Applicant: LITTLE et al.

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PREPARING AND ANALYZING LOW-
VOLUME ANALYTE ARRAY ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 1999, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 8, 35-39, 52 and 53 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 91-101 as follows:

- 91. The method of claim 1, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—
- 92. The method of claim 31, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—
- 93. The method of claim 40, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—
- 94. The method of claim 70, wherein the mass spectrometry format is matrix assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry.—
- 95. The method of claim 1, wherein each spot on the array is of a size produced by a dispensed volume of from 10^{-10} to 10^{-6} L.—

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